

In a Democracy, free speech and the right to dissent are crucial to continued freedoms for all. The right granted to broadcast companies to freely use the public airwaves gives enormous power to for-profit companies who MUST therefore be held to high standards of ethical behavior, particularly with regard to using their elevated position as the disseminators of news to fairly report and balance any information regarding political candidates, parties, or positions.

Ideally, any broadcast company so using the public airwaves should refrain from partisan programming and instead be REQUIRED by the FCC as part of their continued certification to use the free public airwaves to maintain objectivity in their regular programming unless such programming is specifically labeled as partisan commentary.

To do otherwise, as Sinclair, Clear Channel, etc. have been allowed to make a mockery of our supposedly "equal access" society, as you are them allowing the right to broadcast highly partisan and partial content to the masses to the highest bidder without regard for the public good. As a federal agency, the public good should ALWAYS trump any perceived "freedoms" the marketplace claims it requires.

Sincerely,
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